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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed September 21, 2005. Applicants have enclosed:

Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63);

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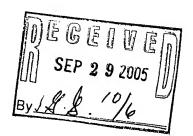
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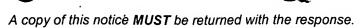
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